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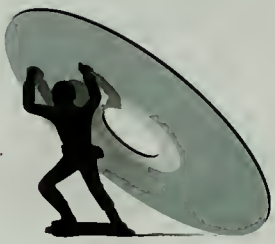

IPFW Sociology Student Association to Host DVD and Penpal Drive for Troops

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Recently, about 600 soldiers from the Fort Wayne, who are now based 1st Battalion 293rd Infantry, were deployed to Kuwait. They will eventually depart for Iraq.

In the mean time, the soldiers will be having some free time in Kuwait, and will be in need of some entertainment and stress relief.

To alleviate some of the stresses associated with the duties of the soldiers, the IPFW Sociology Student Association will be hosting a DVD and Penpal Drive for a Support Our Troops Project.

The Sociology Student Association will be collecting the DVDs and will have supplies and penpal information available at their table on the Ground Floor of Walb on Wed. Apr. 23 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

People can bring DVDs to donate, all of which can be either new or used. However, the DVDs are required to be legal, meaning that they have not been burned.

According to IPFW student and Sociology Student Association member Janelle Nannini, the need to show support for the troops was recognized and the group decided to do something to show their appreciation.

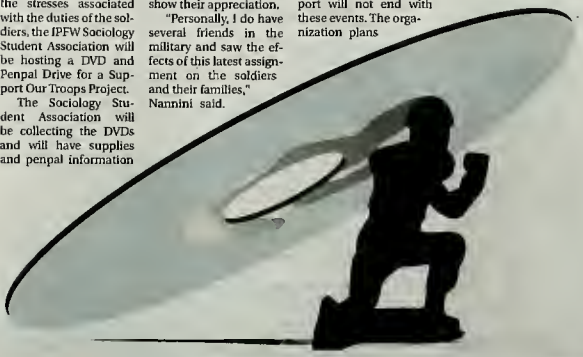
"Personally, I do have several friends in the military and saw the effects of this latest assignment on the soldiers and their families," Nannini said.

"Many of the currently deployed soldiers are IPFW students or alumni, with more soldiers currently attending here. So this deployment has a very direct impact on the IPFW community."

Besides this upcoming drive, the Sociology Student Association recently showed "Baghdad ER", which demonstrates the reality and harshness of the current war. The organization showed this in order to raise awareness of the situation and to affirm that their support will not end with these events. The organization plans to continue these support projects throughout next year.

The Sociology Student Association will be taking a very neutral stance on the war itself.

"We feel it is vital to drive home to the IPFW student body as well as the Fort Wayne community that it doesn't matter how you feel about the war," Nannini said. "We need to support our troops!"



Executive Officers for 2008-2009

Student Body President:
Kody Tinnel

Student Body Vice President of Legislation:
Melissa Cornish

Student Body Vice President of Finance:
Erik Shepherd

The tabulation results were as follows:

961 ballots cast
3 ballots discarded

Kody Tinnel: 61%
DeAngelo La Vette: 39%

Melissa Cornish: 88%

Erik Shepherd: 38%
Hattie Moore: 24%
Jordan Keil: 23%
Melissa Townsend: 15%

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VIGIL: IPFW students walked from Gates Sports Center to the Student Housing basketball court to commemorate the life of Frederick Jones last Wednesday.

Campus Calendar

IPFW

April 17–23, 2008

17 **University Religious Forum:** "Faith and Fitness," WU G21/G21A, noon–1:15 p.m. Call 16992.

IPFW Child Care Center Silent Auction: 11th Annual Silent Auction ends at midnight. Place bids at www.ipfw.edu/childcar.

ACCS Express Lane Résumé Critiques: KT 109, noon–2 p.m. Call 16595.

18 **Athletics Events:** Women's Tennis v. Oral Roberts, 9 a.m.; Baseball v. North Dakota State, 3 p.m. Call 10713.

DPEA Graduation Award Luncheon: WU 222-226, noon–1:30 p.m. Call 16351.

Chemistry Seminar: Professor Robert Stahelin, University of Notre Dame/IU School of Medicine, topic TBA; SB 476, 12:15 p.m. Call 16289.

19 **Twenty-first Century Scholars Event:** Community Fest Summer Kick-off, Taylor University Eicher Commons, 10 a.m.–noon. Call 14174.

Athletics Events: Women's Tennis v. Centenary College, 9 a.m.; Baseball v. North Dakota State, 1 p.m. Call 10713.

Students with Families Event: WU Cafeteria; light refreshments 6–7 p.m.; coffee house for adults and art activities for children 7–8 p.m. Call 14140.

20 **Athletics Events:** Women's Tennis v. South Dakota State, 9 a.m.; v. Western Illinois, 2 p.m.; Baseball v. North Dakota State, noon. Call 10713.

Concert: Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Auer Performance Hall, 2:30 p.m. Call 16714.

21 **Psychology Majors Graduation Open House:** WU G-08, noon–1:15 p.m. Call 16403.

Spanish Table: WU Cafeteria, noon. Call 16689 or e-mail conformt@ipfw.edu.

Eating Disorder Support Group: WU 234, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Call 16647.

Concert: Percussion Ensemble, Auer Performance Hall, 7:30 p.m. Call 16714.

22 **American Red Cross Blood Drive:** WU Ballroom, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Call 16883.

Arts and Sciences Distinguished Lectura Series: Alan Sandstrom, "Anthropology Gets Religion: Shaman-Priests and Water Mountains in Mesoamerica," WU Ballroom, 7:30 p.m. Call 16833.

Concert: Trombone Studio Showcase, Rhinehart Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Call 16714.

23 **Graduation Career Boot Camp:** NF B41 and B73, drop-in 11 a.m.–1 p.m.; also April 24. Call 16595.

ACCS Express Lane Résumé Critiques: KT 109, 11 a.m.– 1 p.m. Call 16595.

Athletics Event: Baseball v. Notre Dame, Memorial Stadium, 7:30 p.m. Call 10713.

Anthropology Club Luncheon Lecture Series: Douglas Kline, topic TBA; KT G46, noon. Free pizza. Call 16272.

IPFW Dinner Series: "A Tribute to the South," Potawatomi Inn, Angola, 6:30 p.m., tickets $35 per person. Call 16619.

Concert: Saxophone Quartet and Choir, Rhinehart Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Call 16714.

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Recession? What does this mean to me?

By JESSIE RUCKMAN
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I know what you're thinking. Either you're a freshman thinking, "I'll just use student loans to offset the economy and my expenses, and to maintain my lifestyle."

Or you're a senior ready to graduate, or returning adult with a family, bills, and extreme stress.

Regardless of the boat you're in, Mr. Greenspan warns to watch for leaks as the U.S. financial situation declines further.

The big R word has been tossed around more and more while financial analysts attempt to figure out yet another thing we average citizens ALREADY know.

So, let's all travel out on a limb here – c'mon, we'll all fit – and say the rumors are true and the U.S. is in a recession. According to dictionary.com, the term 'recession' is "a period of an economic contraction, sometimes limited in scope or duration. Compare depression."

So how do the people in boats A & B stay afloat and avoid those annoying leaks, while at the same time keeping a healthy bottom line?

"Mr. Greenspan warns us to watch for leaks as the U.S. financial situation declines further."

1.) Save, and save some more. This sounds like a pain in the arse when scrapping for keg money, but everybody should have three months wages in savings just in case the proverbial s!@t hits the fan.

2.) Don't stop investing. In fact, invest more to keep the dollars pumping into the economy. Oon't be selfish now. And in that vein, brace yourself for the best suggestion I've ever given.

3.) Shop, eat out, and be merry while shopping! But do so in moderation. Closing yourself off from any kind of spending may seem the obvious way to conserve your economic status, but if everyone froze their assets off, demand would suffer, production would decrease and inflate prices further. See where I'm going with this? Let's not go there.

Instead of swinging to the miserly end of things, attempt normalcy with spending – with a few smart, minor restrictions. Daily latte? Try drinking that caffeinated fatty drink every other day, or even better, weekly. Try taking your friends or date out to lunch instead of dinner to save a few bucks while still maintaining your social life. Go to movies when the senior citizens do – at 2 p.m. instead of 10 p.m., order a small popcorn (do you really need a bucket?!) and shop sales.

Bottom line is this: do your part to keep the economy moving by making simple changes, and we'll get out of this recession together.

Beer and biofuel

Oil pollutes, but burning food for fuel is worse

An Op/Ed
By DOUGLAS SCHMIDT

Although the search for alternative fuels began with the best of intentions, ethanol may do more harm than good. The increasing demand for ethanol is creating a host of problems.

Analysts are projecting that the production of corn-based ethanol will double within a decade. As a result, Americans may see pricier beer, higher food prices and, eventually, environmental devastation.

In the near future, a night out at the bar could be dramatically more expensive. Massive ethanol subsidies are leading many farmers to abandon other, less profitable crops and switch to corn. As a result, the supply of barley has shrunk considerably. Breweries are paying more than double for the crop, a key ingredient of beer, and passing that cost along to consumers.

Poor hops harvests and higher shipping costs also share the blame for the price hike. In some areas, the price of six packs has risen by $1.50 or more. Small brewers have been hit the hardest, with the price of craft beers increasing by 12 percent in the past year.

Diverting the supply of corn away from food will likely lead to higher prices at the grocery store.

According to an article in The Economist, food had been getting cheaper for over thirty years, but that trend came to an abrupt end in 2005. Since then, world food prices have jumped to their

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Olympic torch lights protests around the world

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The Olympics is an international gathering that promotes friendly relations by means of genial athletic competition. However, the controversy that currently engulfs China may cast the Olympics into the shadows of political turmoil.

Thus far, from Paris to San Francisco, the traditional running of the Olympic flame has met unusually harsh responses. Last week, 35 British protestors were arrested on the streets of London when a protest grew out of control and an attempt to extinguish the flame almost succeeded.

The cause of protest is credited to the fact that the Olympics are being held in Beijing. Currently, many in the international community are upset with the Chinese government because it has been supplying weapons to Sudan, a country endeavoring to complete the 21st century's first genocide in Darfur, and of violently suppressing Tibet.

Adding to China's public relations problems are the athletes refusing to compete because of the country's dangerously high level of pollution. According to the New York Times, in exchange for the right to drill for oil in their nation, China sold Sudan $83 million in weapons in 2005, making it Sudan's largest arms supplier and the biggest contributor to Sudan's efforts to annihilate African tribes in Darfur. Not only has their inaction angered demonstrators, but it is believed that if China simply stopped trading with Sudan it would alter the state of the genocide.

"Many in the international community are upset with the Chinese government because it has been supplying weapons to Sudan."

Instead, China continues to disapprove of U.N. action, with the claims that it is trying to silently negotiate with Sudan. Recent events in Tibet have also hurt China's image. MSNBC reported that, in mid-March, demonstrations for Tibet's independence started out peaceful but led to the death of at least 16 people.

Although the Chinese have stringent security measures in place, Tibetans still crowd the streets protesting for their independence. The uprising has brought China's tainted human rights record to the attention of many nations and has athletes concerned about competing in what could potentially be a hostile environment.

Despite the recent events, plans for the Olympic torch to be run through Tibet and up Mt. Everest will not be aborted.

The promise of a few athletes to be absent from the games has added to the Olympic controversy as well. Today, Beijing stands as one of the world's most polluted cities.

For this reason, the world record holder in the marathon, Haile Gebrselassie, says he will not be competing in the marathon held at the Olympics, although he will run a few other, shorter races. According to ABC News, other athletes, such as women's tennis champion Justine Henin, have also said that the smog and pollution in China has posed health threats that have forced them to withdraw from competing.

Although several athletes have called for a separation of politics and sports this Olympic season, the protests during the running of the Olympic flame have established this request as fruitless. In some cases though, politics will not even be present at the games. Already prominent foreign figures such as France's President Nicolas Sarkozy are refusing to go to the opening ceremony.

Although the games are made to establish friendly competition and strengthen international ties, this year it seems to be more a rally point for global human rights.

Is it a... "tax protest" or "tax defiance"?

The art of using language to shape public opinion

By DOUGLAS SCHMIDT
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The Department of Justice has created a new program designed to punish those who would "defy" U.S. tax laws. Nathan J. Hochman, the Assistant Attorney General for the department's tax division, said that the National Tax Defier Initiative will stop "tax defiers who do not meet their federal tax obligations and seek to transfer those obligations to their neighbor's back."

The program will help the department work together with the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Attorneys' offices, making it easier for government officials to punish "tax defiers." The program would also expand departmental efforts to stop "tax defier activity" conducted online and by professional tax preparers.

The term "tax defier" represents a dramatic shift in legal discourse. For decades, government officials have referred to those who question tax laws as "resistors" or "protestors." Court cases like Gilbert v. Miriami, United States v. Scott and United States v. Sloan use the term "tax protestor." The IRS's Web site refers to two men convicted of assisting in preparation of false tax returns as "tax resistors."

"The term 'tax defier' represents a dramatic shift in legal discourse."

Why switch to the new terminology? According to a New York Times article by Lynnley Browning, a department representative said that Hochman "feels 'protesters' implies constitutionally protected rights."

However, "defiers" is far from neutral.

The words "protest," "resist" and "defy" have similar definitions, but the connotations are quite different. This can be seen in these example sentences from the Cambridge dictionary (http://dictionary.cambridge.org):

"A big crowd of demonstrators were protesting against cuts in health spending."

"Students want to discover the truth themselves, and they resist having conclusions forced upon them."

"He defied the authorities and refused to surrender his child to his wife."

Government social programs also have carefully-chosen names designed to shape public opinion. It is difficult to criticize "Social Security" without appearing to wish that society was insecure. Similarly, opponents of "welfare" programs may have difficulty debating them without appearing to want the poor be unwell.

Hochman said that Americans who file their tax returns "voluntarily engage in this ritual every year... because they know that with the privileges that the United States has given them come the responsibilities and obligations of citizenship." However, if they do not "voluntarily" pay taxes, "their crimes will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

As is typical with government officials, Hochman uses a different definition of "voluntary" than most people.

Sen. Harry Reid used this special definition in a recent interview with Jan Heffeld, an attorney and documentary producer. Reid said that the U.S. tax system is "voluntary" because Americans file their returns themselves, as opposed to some European countries where "there is no need to, because your employer takes all the money out. That's the difference between a voluntary and an involuntary system."

"Sen. Reid explained that a taxpayer 'can choose to not pay his taxes if he wants'"

Later in the interview, Reid explained that a taxpayer "can choose to not pay his taxes if he wants" but "he'll be subject to civil and criminal penalties."

He added, "Some people go to jail. There are all kind of civil penalties if you don't pay your taxes; you pay interest and you pay penalties. The fact of the matter is, our system is a voluntary system."

Reid's definition of a "voluntary choice" brings to mind comedian Eddie Izzard's routine about the Church of England. Izzard imagines the church conducting its own Spanish Inquisition, politely asking prisoners "Cake or death? ...a pretty easy question. Anyone can answer that."

Reid and the Department of Justice might ask "defiant" Americans an equally easy question: "taxes or jail?"

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highest levels in over 150 years, even adjusting for inflation.

In 2007, the world price of corn hit an all-time record. Data from the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization shows that world grain prices have increased by 80 percent in the last year alone.

A big cause of the increasing food prices is burning crops for fuel. Americans burned a third of last year's corn harvest as biofuel. A single SUV tank's worth of ethanol is made with enough corn to feed a person for a year.

The increasing price of food is having the greatest impact on disadvantaged countries, where starving workers are resorting to violence. Recent weeks have seen riots in Haiti, where food prices have risen by more than 50 percent in the last year, and in Egypt, where protestors burned buildings and attacked police.

Some scientists are now saying that biofuel also has a negative impact on the environment. Throughout the world, massive amounts of land are being cleared to grow crops for biofuel. Huge swaths of Amazon rainforest have already been destroyed. A recent study by the journal Science stated that clearing land to grow biofuel releases 17 to 420 times more carbon dioxide than the fossil fuel it replaces.

Energy independence and helping the environment are obvious goods, but the high cost of biofuel may be too much to pay.

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Top 10 Things I Don't Understand About Women

10. Ever see a women in a leather coat say she's a vegetarian? Apparently, cows hate being eaten but love not having skin.

9. Women say they love long walks on the beach, but they always give up after five or six miles. Looks like somebody shouldn't have worn heels!

8. Women love candlelit dinners and snuggling in front of the fire, but eventually, they start to wonder if you have electricity.

7. Why are women so greedy? I asked my last girlfriend if she loved me for my money, and she said "Sure, it seemed like a good trade."

6. Why are women always sending you to get things? Every day, it's "Get my purse. Get some ice cream. Get a job."

5. Women love compliments, but apparently I'm only allowed to compliment certain things. "You have beautiful eyes" is okay, but not "you have sexy elbow flaps."

4. Also, they hate it when you refer to yourself as "Daddy." Or "Big Poppa." Or "Captain Magic Trousers."

3. Women are always on diets, so why do they bother ordering when we go out to eat? Can't they just sit there and look pretty while daddy has a steak?

2. A woman will say she wants a baby, but she'll get all upset when you bring her one.

1. Why do women ask such annoying questions? "What are you thinking?" "Does this dress make me look fat?" "Who are you and why are you in my hamper?"

weekly *words* of wisdom

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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Answers to last week's Sudoku

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8	8	2	1	7	5	4	9	3
7	5	3	2	4	9	1	8	6
8	1	4	9	3	7	8	5	2
5	3	8	8	2	1	9	4	7
2	7	9	4	5	6	3	1	8

Horoscopes

By Douglas Schmidt

Aries Mar 21- Apr 19
When everything is going wrong, remember that it's always darkest before the dawn. And about 14 hours after. In fact, now that I think about it, it's dark a lot.

Taurus Apr 20- May 20
You will be relieved to discover that holding hands can't get you pregnant. Looks like you've been wearing those mittens for nothing.

Gemini May 21- June 20
Your therapist will tell you to just ignore the voices in your head because they aren't real. But didn't the voices say the same thing about him?

Cancer June 21- July 22
You will regret your decision to become a vegetarian when you discover that carrots can scream.

Leo July 23- Aug 22
It may seem like everyone you love is walking away from you, but that's just how parades work.

Virgo Aug 23- Sep 22
At dinner tonight, the gumbo will seem eerily familiar.
Déjà stew?

Libra Sep 23- Oct 22
After years of therapy and medication, you will finally have the confidence to ask someone to be your friend on Facebook.

Scorpio Oct 23- Nov 21
You will take a date to the zoo and, although it begins happily, it will end with a nasty argument. Even when you apologize, the tiger won't give back your arm.

Sagittarius Nov22- Dec 21
Now that Charlton Heston is gone, you'll never have the chance to apologize for all the horrible things you said about him. That is, unless you can find a place that rents backhoes...

Capricorn Dec 22- Jan19
After years of being ignored, you will finally be the center of attention tonight. Enjoy the intervention!

Aquarius Jan 20- Feb 18
Driving a car is like coloring a picture: if you don't stay inside the lines, the cops will take you to prison.

Pisces Feb 19- Mar 20
You will be banned from the zoo when you get caught trying to feed the hippos a bag of marbles. Maybe they weren't hungry hungry?

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Painful Art?

Body art begs the question: what is art?

By MARISHA ZIMMERMAN
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Tattoos and piercings are becoming a big issue for many people because they are becoming part of our mainstream culture.

More people have tattoos and body piercings today than ten years ago – and more people who are proud to show them off.

Where once tattoos only adorned the arms of bikers and sailors, now men and women from all areas of life are displaying their bicep tattoos with pride.

Television shows like "LA Ink," "Miami Ink," and "Inked" are not only making tattoos and piercings more popular but are also reflecting a shift in our culture.

These shows are not only showing people getting tattoos and people with piercings (take a look at Pixie Acia's lip and cheek studs from "LA Ink"), but they are also explaining why they are getting their tattoos. But is this art? That is the question many have been asking lately.

I've asked several people if body piercings and tattoos are a form of art and have gotten several different responses.

When I asked my brother that question, he said that tattoos and piercings are art because "they are a form of individual expression and you can create whatever you want."

He has two tattoos so far. Diana Honeick agreed, saying that tattoos and piercings could be a form of art because they are expressing something important to that person.

"To me, anything that expresses something is a form of art -- even if it is a lip ring."

She has five tattoos to date, including one with all her children's names incorporated into it – and she wants more.

I thought it would be a good idea to get the opinion of an authority on piercings and tattoos, so I went to local tattoo parlor Tip Top Tattoo and asked tattoo artist Dave Knox, who has been tattooing for over 21 years.

His response was surprising. He said, "No. [Tattoos are] a form of expression, I guess, but it doesn't have the same impact as a work of art. It doesn't have the ability to reach a lot of people and have the same impact because it's a tattoo. It's just a tattoo."

Though Knox's response was not what was expected, he does make a good point. Unless it's broadcasted on national television, who else will be impacted by it?

In the end, Nicholas Rogers, made the best point about piercings, tattoos, and art when he asked, "Isn't art in the eye of the beholder?"

What is art to one person may not be art to their mother or their best friend, classmate or someone else on the street.

Anything that expresses some part of a person's individuality is a form of art – even if it's a lip ring.

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rt Scene

s VCD Senior Exhibit at the Allen County Public Library

By MARISHA ZIMMERMAN
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The Senior Art Show has filled the gallery of the Allen County Public Library. The show is exhibiting work from IPFW's photography and graphic design seniors. There were many interesting exhibits displaying comic books, educational posters, book covers, bakery menus, and skate boards.

The various works showed the students talents, not only in graphic design, but also in creating their own businesses and the products, such as menus, business cards, and product lists. One of the most artistic presentations was from Nicholas Pyle, who created compositions in Adobe Photoshop. The pictures had names like _DSC0623.jpg and _DSC0086.jpg and were compositions of women who appeared to be floating in the air. The women appeared ethereal and beautiful amidst black and white outdoor backgrounds.

Starla Williams displayed the menus, invitations, price sheets, and ads – as well as what appeared to be a cake itself – for the cake business she would like to open someday. Everything in her display was very pretty, colorful, and sparkly. It was very appealing to the eye and the statue looked good enough to eat.

Horia Malutan displayed work for a spa and salon. The work, which included price sheets and business cards accented with pictures of beautiful women, had an element of beauty to it that I find hard to describe. While some have referred to the work as classical, I found it more exotic and edgy.

Another exhibit included comic book pages by Sally Scott for the "Darkness Aftermath" series. The work was really different and it made me think about just how much work goes into creating a comic book. The exhibit looked so interesting that I wanted to read the series.

Another interesting exhibit included the work by Kelly Jones . She created what looked like shadow boxes with the photos separated into nine pieces. It was such a different way of looking at pictures that makes a person consider each individual part of a picture. Overall, the gallery is worth exploring and considering.

Last week's candlelight vigil and memorial march for Fred Jones

Dons for Non-Violence

After several deadly shootings last week in Fort Wayne, with one victim being an IPFW student, the IPFW Sociology Student Association, the Black Collegiate Caucus, and other IPFW organizations have banded together to form Dons for Non-Violence. Last week's candlelight vigil and memorial march to honor IPFW student Fred Jones was organized by Dons for Non-Violence.

Last week's answer: Student Government suggestion box

Spot ON Campus

Do you know where this spot is on IPFW's campus?

Email Katy Anderson at Andekn01@ipfw.edu by 4/23/08 for your chance to have a slight increase in self-esteem.

Ambassadons to host Save a Life Day at IPFW

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Save a Life Day is in recognition of April being National Donate Life Month and intends to accomplish two goals.

The first goal is to bring awareness to the students of IPFW of the need for organ and tissue donation. The second goal of this event is to encourage students to sign their organ and tissue donor cards in addition to informing their loved ones of their wishes.

The events planned for this day will take place Tues., Apr. 22 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the hallway of the Walb ballroom on the first floor.

Six organizations will be present at this event, consisting of The National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, The Indiana Organ Procurement Organization, Donor Services of Indiana, Indiana Lion's Eye Bank, Parkview Hospital, and Lutheran Hospital.

Each organization will be given a table for their use, and they are encouraged to bring any signage that advertises their organization.

At the same time of this event, above the ballroom, the Red Cross will be carrying out their annual campus blood drive.

Additionally, the other organizations will be bringing informational brochures concerning organ donation, donor cards, pens, pencils, bracelets, and miscellaneous items to hand out to the students. Those participating in this event hope to make a powerful statement to the students and community, through the sheer number of organizations at the event, as well as highlight the importance of organ and tissue donation.

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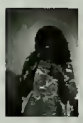

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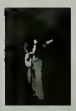

Knee injuries cut indoor career short for Zbyszewski

■ Former IPFW All-American back in Toronto rehabbing, preparing for summer on the sand as part of Canadian National Team

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The last time IPFW had a first team All-American, his name was hardly pronounceable. Still, Matt Zbyszewski (pronounced zyb • shef • ski), left an indelible signature on the men's volleyball's storied history at the school.

And now, his indoor volleyball career has come to an end after three years playing on the European circuit. After time in Greece, Cyprus and Spain (one of the canary islands), Zbyszewski has returned to his native Toronto, Ontario, Canada to rehab a longtime knee injury.

"I came back before the end of the season due to some nagging injuries that wouldn't go away, Zbyszewski said. "Since then, I found out the my professional indoor playing days are over because multiple operations during my days at IPFW where my knee suffered irreversible damage."

Just two and a half weeks ago, he had his fifth knee surgery where it was discovered that his lateral meniscus (the shock absorber inside the knee) is gone and chunk of the cartilage on the head of the femur is also gone, exposing the bone.

"On top of this my ACL, which was reconstructed twice, is incompetent and provides almost no stability," Zbyszewski added.

But that is not the end for Zbyszewski, who will be rehabbing his knee over the next couple of months to prepare for beach season in the summer, where he is part of Canada's Senior National Team. Zbyszewski hopes to get into a few FIVB tournaments with his team this summer in the Czech Republic, Latvia, Switzerland and Poland.

When the season ends, he will consider another ACL surgery and hopes that his body will hold up enough to work towards qualifying for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, England.

Zbyszewski cherishes his times playing overseas, including Greece, where he played alongside former Mastodons Jeff Ptak, Jorge Ralat and Panos Eracleus.

scoreboard

Mastodon scores for 4/7-4/14

Baseball (1-3)
April 8 – 24-6 loss to Ball State
April 13 – 12-1 win over W. Illinois
April 13 – 0-4 loss to W. Illinois
April 14 – 0-4 loss to W. Illinois

Softball (3-3)
April 8 – 1-0 win over Ball State
April 9 – 1-2 loss to Ball State
April 9 – 3-12 loss to Valparaiso (5 inn.)
April 11 – 4-8 loss to Valparaiso
April 11 – 14-6 win over IUPUI (6 inn.)
April 12 – 7-6 win over IUPUI (8 inn.)

Men's Tennis (0-4)
April 9 – 1-6 loss to Illinois-Chicago
April 11 – 3-4 loss to IUPUI
April 11 – 0-4 loss to W. Illinois
April 12 – 0-4 loss to UMKC

Women's Tennis (1-0)
April 9 – 6-1 win over Valparaiso

Track & Field
April 12 – 10th at Miami (OH) Invite

Men's Volleyball (0-3)
April 8 – 2-3 loss to Ohio State
April 11 – 2-3 loss to St. Francis (PA)
April 12 – 0-3 loss to Penn St.

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the lineup for the MIVA TOURNAMENT

THE MATCHUPS

#1 Ohio State
- The Buckeyes earned the top spot by one game, but he week off has not done teams well lately. 2003 was the last time #1 won it all.

#2 Ball State vs #7 Quincy
- Ball State has been dominating while Quncy managed just one MIVA win. This should be win #20 for the Cardinals.

#3 Lewis vs #6 Mercyhurst
- Lewis is finally eligible for postseason play after bans. They have the only 20-win season for a MIVA team. Here is to number 21.

#4 Loyola vs #5 IPFW
- The Mastodons have beat Loyola three straight years in the tournament. The 'Dons are playing strong and should edge out a win.

THE PLAYERS

Patrick Durbin - BSU
- The Cardinal senior leads the MIVA with 4.28 kills/game. He has 402 overall and may be the MIVA POTY.

Ian Anderson - Loyola
- Anderson is following Durbin with 4.14 kills/game. He leads the conference in total kills with 418.

Robbie Klein - OSU
- A strong hitter and blocker, Klein leads the conference in points/game with 4.64. He is just a a junior.

Brock Ullrich - IPFW
- Now third all-time in service aces, Ullrich's service power has become a mainstay of postseason runs.

THE PREDICTION

Semi-Final One

Ohio State edged out IPFW last week, but the 'Dons remember the last tournament too: IPFW 3-2

Semi-Final Two

Lewis ... much deeper than most would give credit for. A BSU comeback won't be enough: Lewis 3-1

MIVA Finals

3-1 wins for each in the regular season leaves this as the big rubber match. Lewis return complete? Yeah, 'Dons too strong: IPFW 3-2

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last two All-Tournament teams and was the tournament MVP in 2006.

Another thing that IPFW has used to their advantage in past postseasons in depth on their bench. Ball thinks that element is coming around too.

"We feel good about the kids coming in off the bench," he said.

Freshman Daryl Shank played libero in game three of last Saturday's loss to Penn State and played well. Ball also noted the strong help from junior Mike Morici as service specialist and senior Steve Rogers as a middle blocker off the bench.

The team has also been shooting for the record books in recent weeks. Stewart was the first to accomplish one, setting a new career block assist record for IPFW against Penn State. His 512 surpasses the previous mark of 509 held by Serdar Sikca.

Macias is now fifth in digs at 716 and he and Ullrich have taken over second and third in service aces at 151 and 144 repectivly. The big watch however is in career kills, where Macias is now second at 2,053 for his career. Hector Soto holds the record and Macis would need to average 28 kills over the last possible five matches to break the record.

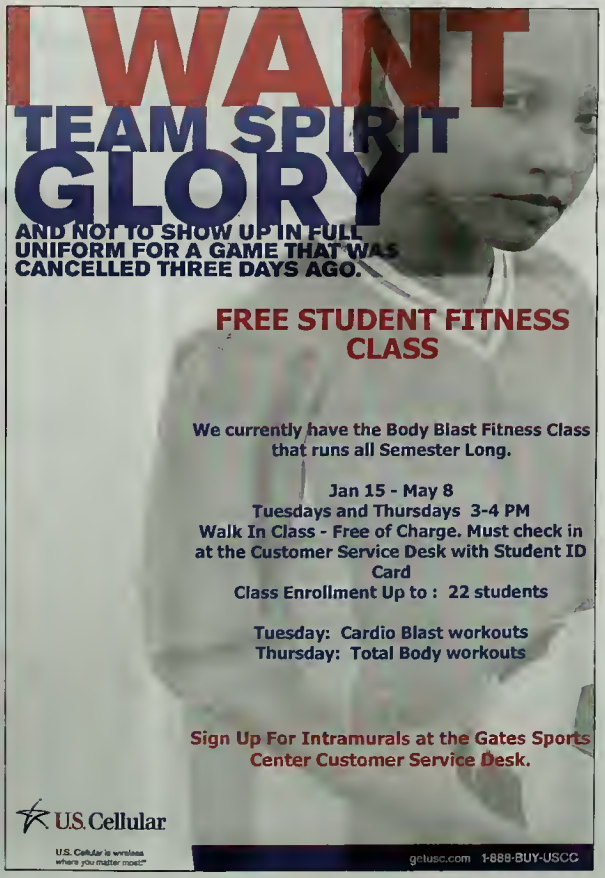
Records aside, it is the goal of this team to be the first since Ball State to win three straight MIVA Tournament titles. The Cardinals accomplished it in 1988-1990. Ohio State is the only other team to win three in a row, not counting the Cardinal team that won the first five MIVA Tournaments, starting in 1964. IPFW did not play in the tournament until 1984.

And it is not out of a teach. Lewis won the conference tournament as a 5-seed in the MIVA in 2004. IPFW won it as a 4-seed in 2006.

"We are looking forward to it," Ball said. "The kids are in a good frame of mind."

So the impossible trifecta may just be possible after all.

POWER: Senior Jason Yhost is a two-time MIVA Player of the Week leading the Mastodons.



Quest for the Trifecta

■ Can the Men's Volleyball team rebound from a rocky season and claim an elusive third MIVA title in a row?

By JOB VANCE
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Overcoming the odds of the MIVA Tournament is something that Coach Arnie Gall and his Mastodons have become quite accustomed to.

They have spent the last three years in the conference tournament finals, and in fact the trophy the past two Gall-coached teams hoisted, heading into an always tough postseason.

"We remind them (the players) that this is the new season and we have an opportunity to see," Gall said.

No, home court, no super fan base, just IPFW, their opponents and their destiny.

As it turns out, that destiny has been nice to them. They are 5-1 since 2/16 (losing only 1 games to 25 wins with only the State games in that, 4 them in the 2 vs 3 Finals.

Take all that into account, add in upsetting the top seed in the [illegible] in last year's Final Four and this year's MIVA Tournament should be a [illegible] brawl.

Unfortunately, that has not been the case for IPFW, now has stumbled all season and to add insult and other injury, add title hitter have a winning record overall after losing their last three matches.

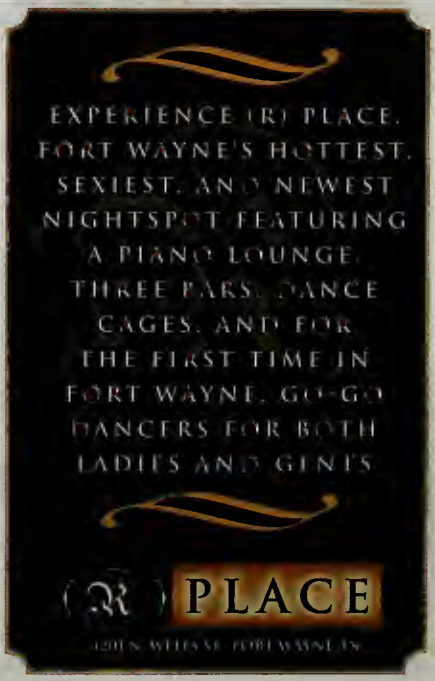
The key to these wins could be consistency. IPFW has been up and down in hitting, blocking and setting all year. Seniors Jason Ye se and C.J. Mathis have led the hitting, chase is 98 year, but the two rarely seem to shine at the same time. Then there goes for senior Brock Hilliard, who comes and goes with his big numbers despite playing in the middle.

James this season, all three will need to be options in the two week tournament.

"We can play great for a stretch and then make a one to nothing error," Gall noted of his team's blocking and backcourt defense.

A positive note is that the Mastodons have defeated Loyola, their first round opponents for three straight years in the tournament.

Playing at Loyola will throw another curve at IPFW. A low ceiling could play a crucial role in deciding which serve. Gaudi in Jamworth or Jan McNerney will h ndle the setting duties.

All in all, expect a big tournament that it can, two or three matches in an area [illegible] Stadium. The middle block of Jackson, Big Red has made the

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